GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2384
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REPAIRING OF RAILWAY TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have allocated Rs. 32,000 crores for taking up repairs to railway tracks all over the country;

(b) If so, the amounts allocated from Railway Safety Fund and Rail Vikas Yojana;

(c) the number of railway bridges to be repaired and changed, zone wise and state wise;

(d) whether there is a proposal for laying of 12 km. railway line from Mirzapur to Medak via Akkannapet and another line from Nizamabad to Bolaram;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other new railway lines which are being considered, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The allocation for track renewals decided was Rs.7670 crores, from within the Special Railway Safety Fund.Under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY), about Rs. 3,000 crores are expected to be spent on upgradation of tracks.

(c): Data regarding Railway Bridges is maintained zone-wise and not state-wise. The total number of Railway Bridges over Indian Railways is 1,19,984. Rehabilitation/regirdering/strengthening/rebuilding etc. of Railway Bridges is a continuous process. As on 1.4.2002, 2700 number of Bridges are sanctioned under Special Railway Safety Fund while 2203 number of Bridges are to be funded from Depreciation Reserve Fund. Zone-wise detail of target and progress as on 31.01.2003 are as under:-

Railway	No. of bridges targeted for Rehabilitation/regirdering/strengthening/rebuilding etc during 2002-03	Progress upto 31.01.2003
Central	170	102
Eastern	20	14
Northern	12	50
North Eastern	26	23
Northeast Frontier	41	24
Southern	57	23
South Central	35	7
South Eastern	13	17
Western	79	24
East Central	8	10
North Western	4	11
Total	465	305

(d) & (e): A proposal has been received to connect Medak with Secunderabad - Mudkhed line which is under examination.

(f) : The details are being collected.